

"Tips for Staying Up With the Current Trends in Music Technology"

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Dear TI:ME Members:

I am often asked for advice on how to stay abreast of music technology in general and music education and technology in particular. Well, here is my list. You can think of this as suggestions for some 2009 New Year's resolutions.

1. Read TI:ME Member blogs. You can subscribe to them or read them at your leisure.
 - Joe Pisano: <http://mustech.net/>
 - Jim Frankel: <http://jamesfrankel.musiced.net/>
 - Amy Burns: <http://amymburns.musiced.net/>
2. Listen to Podcasts about music technology and education. These are audio programs that you can listen to on your computer or download to your iPod. There are some very interesting programs featured.
 - Keith Mason: <http://www.musictechforme.com/>
 - Jim Frankel: <http://fams.podomatic.com/>
3. Attend Music Technology Conferences in 2009. This is the single best way to stay abreast of music technology. Attend sessions, visit the exhibits, and get excited about what is coming out in the field.
 - The TI:ME National Conference in San Antonio Texas <http://www.tmea.org/>
 - The Massachusetts TI:ME regional conference in Boston, Mass: <http://mmeaonline.org/conference/teachers.htm>
 - The TI:ME Ohio Central Regional Conference in Columbus, Ohio: <https://www.omea-ohio2.org>
4. If your state has a TI:ME Chapter, attend their state events.
 - The New Jersey Chapter webpage: <http://www.ti-me.org/NJ/>
 - The Pennsylvania Chapter webpage: <http://www.ti-me.org/PA/>
 - For information on other TI:ME chapters visit <http://www.ti-me.org/chapters.html>
5. Read one of the books that have been published and written by TI:ME Members.
 - *The Teacher's Guide to Music, Media, and Copyright Law* by Jim Frankel. This is a brand new release for 2009. www.halleonard.com
 - *Technology Integration in the Music Classroom* by Amy Burns <http://www.ti-me.org/TIEMC.html>
 - *Technology Guide for Music Educators* <http://www.ti-me.org/guide.html>
 - *Technology Strategies for Music Education* <http://www.ti-me.org/standards/index.html>
 - Check out the list of publications by TI:ME members <http://www.ti-me.org/findpublications.html>
6. Take a course in music technology. There are weeklong courses that immerse you in technology taught by a certified TI:ME instructors.

- The TI:ME summer offerings for 2009 will be posted in January, 2009. You can check out the listing at <http://www.ti-me.org/sites.html>
- If you are not able to take a TI:ME course, consider one of the many excellent courses offered by Berklee Music. Check out their list for music education at: http://www.berkleemusic.com/school/courses/music_education

7. Join the TI:ME email discussion group open to TI:ME members only. This is a TI:ME member benefit that you must elect to join <http://www.ti-me.org/members/discussion.html>. You will receive posts via email from other TI:ME members and you can post your own comments and questions to the group. The login is members and the current TI:ME password is holst.

You are taking a major step by your membership in TI:ME. On behalf of TI:ME, I want to thank you for your continued support. Please let me know how TI:ME can serve you better in 2009.

Best Wishes,

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